

Gaffney Middle School

805 East Frederick Street
Gaffney, SC 29340

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	666 Students	
Principal	Dr. Shirley Sealy	864-902-3630
Superintendent	Dr. Quincie L. Moore	864-902-3500
Board Chair	Mike Ellis	864-206-2233

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Below Average	Average
2013	Below Average	Average
2012	Below Average	Average
2011	Below Average	Average
2010	Below Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located

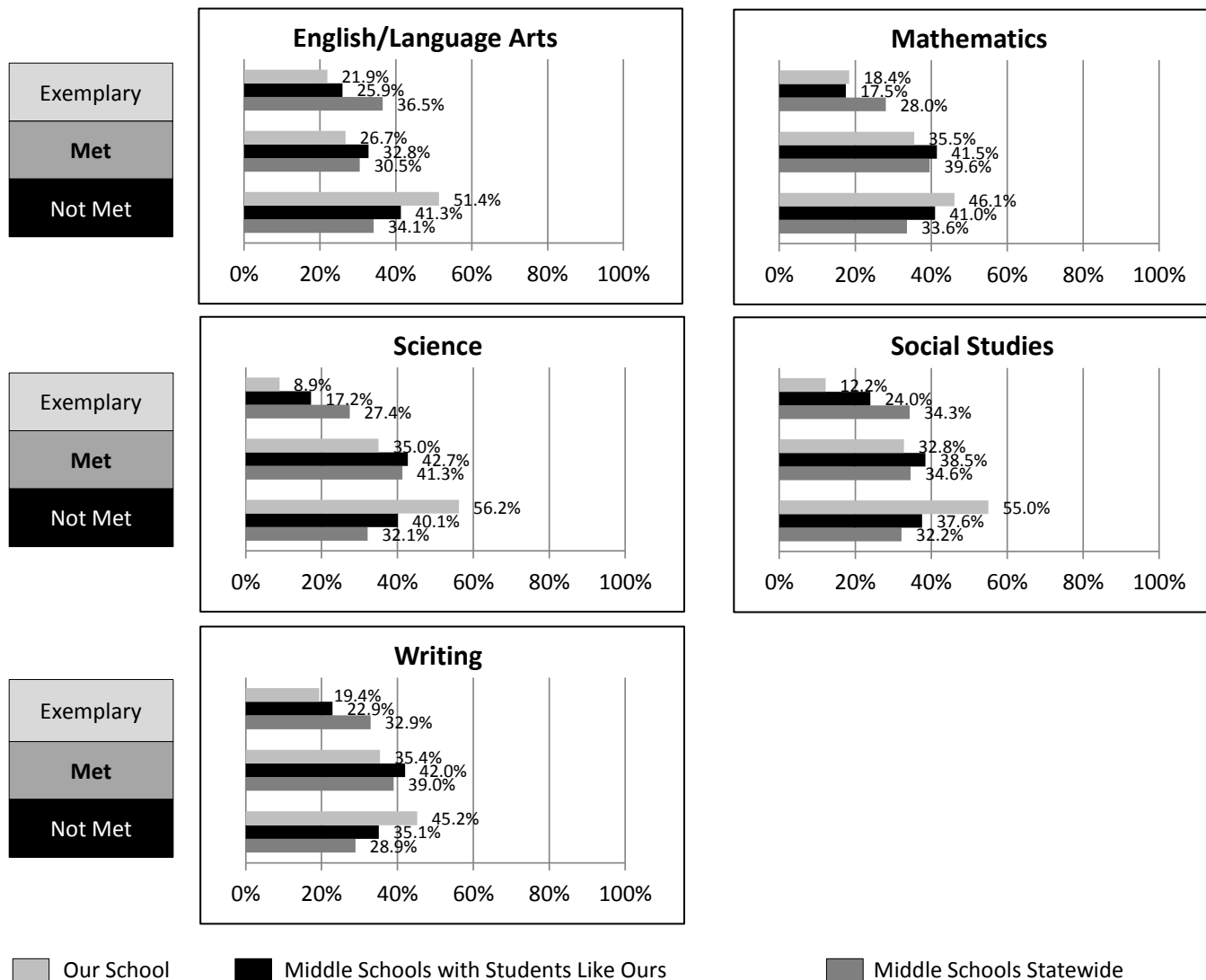
97.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	0	45	14	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 666)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	47.2%	Up from 42.6%	19.6%	26.0%
Retention Rate	0.0%	No change	1.0%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	96.0%	Up from 95.6%	95.9%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	32.2%	Up from 20.9%	13.7%	19.4%
With disabilities	13.5%	Up from 12.3%	14.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Down from 4.2%	5.4%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.4%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.0%	Up from 51.2%	55.6%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	92.7%	Up from 85.4%	70.8%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.5%	Up from 91.3%	82.3%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 96.1%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,009	Up 1.6%	\$46,554	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.5 days	Down from 12.9 days	11.4 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Down from 22.5 to 1	19.9 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 89.8%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	86.8%	Up from 85.8%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,562	Up 16.0%	\$8,283	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	56.4%	Down from 59.0%	60.3%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.5%	Up from 55.0%	58.8%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	96.9%	96.0%
English 1	N/A	93.9%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.9%	95.7%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

"This year we embraced the Cherokee County School District motto "Dedicated and Determined to Create an Ethic of Excellence." We continued our school-wide emphasis on vocabulary, and provided a host of academic opportunities for our students including STEM elective classes in grades six through eight, and four different high school credit courses for 8th graders. Additionally, we offered academic assistance to our students by continuing our SRA reading pullout program and utilizing Title I funds to employ part-time Math and Reading Interventionists.

GMS staff and families united this year as we worked together to complete the Accreditation process and to revise our current School Improvement Plan. As part of this process we developed specific student-centered goals for the next five years that will closely align with the district's focus areas of safety, technology, positive image and professionalism.

Some of our notable student achievements included nine Junior Scholars, Battle of the Brains and OEC Academic Challenge victories, and district level writing and art awards. We experienced outstanding performances in the visual and performing arts, and our athletic teams joined the Peachtree athletic conference where they all experienced successful seasons.

The majority of our professional development opportunities focused on the full implementation of the Common Core State Standards, and our staff enjoyed additional opportunities available through our status as a "Winthrop University Partner School." We are excited about the networking and professional growth opportunities for Gaffney Middle, as well as potential chances to host Winthrop teaching interns.

We continued to raise the bar for academic excellence at GMS, and are extremely proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments. We are thankful for another successful year and are looking forward to sustained growth in the future.

As always, thank you to our families and community members for persistent support.

Dr. Shirley Sealy, Principal

Mrs. Tammy Ruppe, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	198	32
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.1%	74.2%	71.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.9%	77.9%	62.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.7%	84.5%	54.9%

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	46.7
Overall Grade Conversion	F

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Gaffney Middle School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.3%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	96.0%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	600.1	613.1	595.6	602.1	99.8	99.8	99.8
Male	593.3	612.1	596.3	602.1	99.7	99.7	99.6
Female	606.9	614.0	594.9	602.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	619.3	627.4	608.0	616.7	99.6	99.6	99.4
African American	584.5	600.7	584.3	590.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	588.5	604.8	589.2	592.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	547.5	573.4	558.1	581.1	98.9	98.9	98.4
Limited English Proficient	582.3	603.0	585.7	591.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Subsidized Meals	590.9	605.0	588.0	593.9	99.8	99.8	99.7
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

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Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	201	614.7	100.0	201	621.3	100.0
	7	246	608.8	100.0	246	611.1	100.0
	8	197	617.7	100.0	197	615.5	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	99	599.3	99.0	102	621.2	100.0
	7	246	593.4	100.0	246	604.4	100.0
	8	99	607.1	100.0	98	603.2	100.0

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	216	596.2	100.0	216	607.6	100.0
	7	197	598.5	100.0	197	611.4	100.0
	8	243	604.8	99.6	243	619.1	99.6
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	106	583.0	99.1	109	601.0	100.0
	7	197	594.7	100.0	197	602.9	100.0
	8	121	607.9	100.0	122	601.6	99.2

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	1101024
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	629.6	631.0	611.0	628.4	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
Male	625.1	630.4	611.8	631.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	N/A
Female	634.4	631.7	610.2	625.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	640.1	642.1	624.0	637.2	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
African American	607.8	605.5	582.1	608.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	606.1	612.8	592.2	617.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	592.7	595.2	584.8	603.6	99.3	99.7	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	603.6	616.2	591.9	615.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	619.2	617.9	600.7	618.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	615.1	626.7	615.0	614.9	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
Male	609.3	625.5	615.7	617.3	99.7	99.5	99.7	N/A
Female	620.8	628.0	614.4	612.4	100.0	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	627.0	636.1	625.2	623.3	99.8	99.7	99.8	N/A
African American	589.8	605.3	593.0	597.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	590.4	610.5	595.3	597.7	100.0	98.2	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	553.7	576.9	571.9	578.0	99.6	99.6	99.3	N/A
Limited English Proficient	588.5	616.4	598.6	601.1	100.0	97.3	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	603.0	616.2	605.7	604.5	99.9	99.7	99.9	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	226.1	223.4	74.4	71.0	99.7	99.3	100.0	79.4
Male	222.2	222.3	74.0	73.1	99.7	99.3	100.0	71.4
Female	229.9	224.6	75.3	69.2	99.7	99.3	100.0	87.1
White	229.7	228.0	77.1	73.9	99.5	99.0	100.0	78.8
African American	218.0	212.2	68.4	64.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	214.6	212.8	72.6	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	76.5
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	200.2	194.9	62.4	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	45.6
Limited English Proficient	213.3	213.2	73.1	N/A	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.0
Subsidized Meals	219.5	214.8	70.4	67.4	99.5	99.3	100.0	74.1
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State)							4/27/2015	1101024
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

Reading - Grade 4 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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